RUIN ISLAND
Erm...
Urr....uh..
Uru...

Sniff
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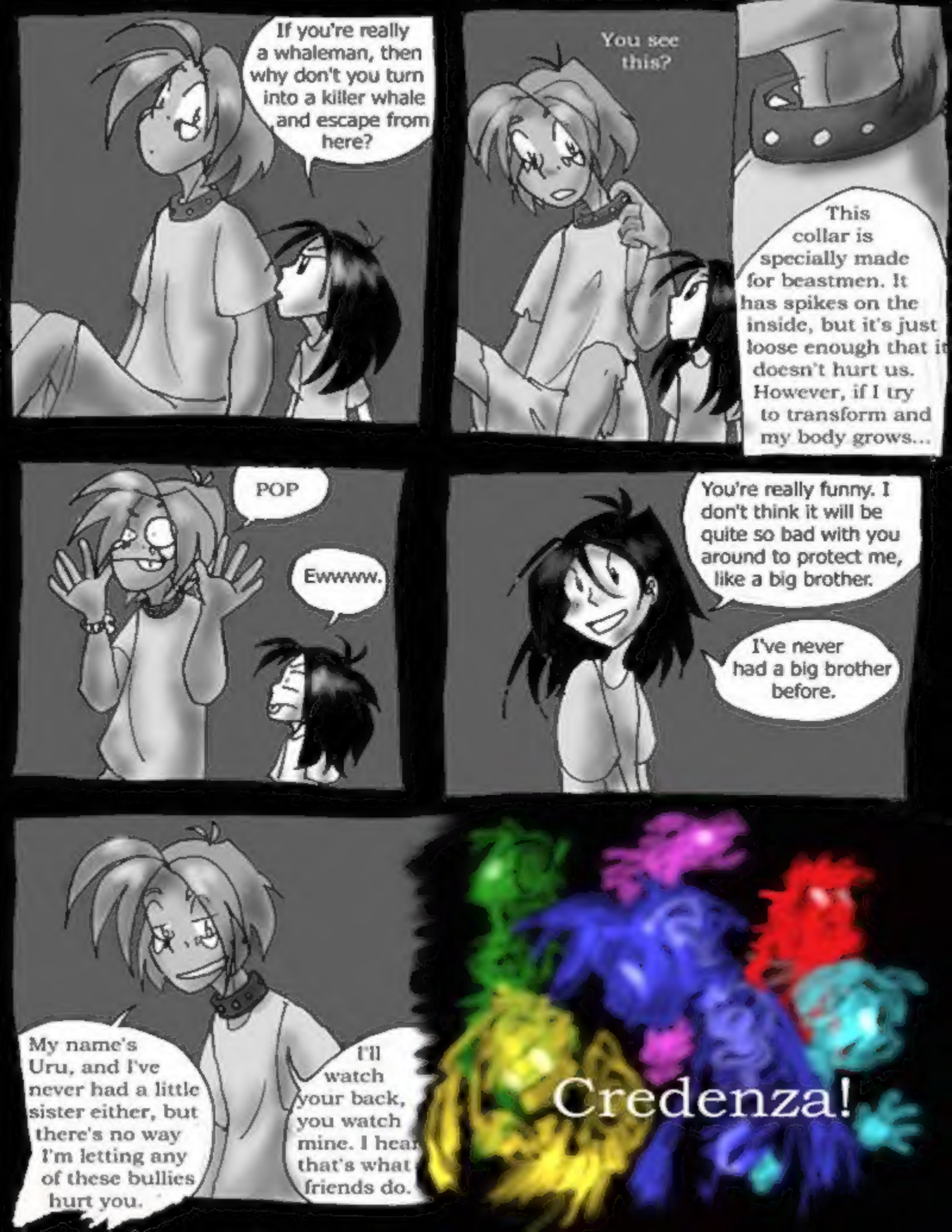
I want to go home
Ye Gods! Will you shut up with your infernal sobbing!
If you don't shut up soon whelp I'll make you sorry.
We're slaves on a pirate ship. We're doomed, in every way possible.
We're going to be beaten, starved, and anything else that comes to our captor's minds. Crying is the last right we have. Try and appreciate it.
Why you...
Since you seem so eager for a beating...
Why don't we start early!

I wouldn't do that if I were you.
Wha?
If I were you, I would just leave the girl alone.
Who are you to say what I can't do? What's it to you anyway?
Oh, you can trust me on this.
We whalemen are a finicky lot. We find that meat loses it's flavor if it's too bruised.
You however, look like a veritable feast compared to this morsel.
Are you really going to eat me?
Of **course** I'm not gonna eat you. Gross.
But how could I let that bully beat you up for no reason?
Besides, you really wouldn't make much of a meal. Hardly three bites.
Heeey.


If you're really a whaleman, then why don't you turn into a killer whale and escape from here?
You see this?
This collar is specially made for beastmen. It has spikes on the inside, but it's just loose enough that it doesn't hurt us. However, if I try to transform and my body grows...
POP
Ewwww.
You're really funny. I don't think it will be quite so bad with you around to protect me, like a big brother.
I've never had a big brother before.
My name's Uru, and I've never had a little sister either, but there's no way I'm letting any of these bullies hurt you.
I'll watch your back, you watch mine. I hear that's what friends do.
Credenza!

URU!
Credenza?
Credenza, you were moaning in your sleep again.
You were dreaming of Uru again, weren't you.
Yeah, it was about Uru again... but it ended oddly.
Strange glowing figures in the dark, calling my name... it was really wierd. I'm starting to think Uru really is dead.
Don't think like that! I never met him, but Uru seems like a smart guy!
I'm sure he escaped from those pirates, just like you. I bet he's just as worried about you as you are him!
And he was about 16 then, so it's been 12 years... he'd be 28. A little old for you, but you like older men.
You seem awfully eager to marry me off lately, you know that?

Still, 12 years is a long time to dream about anyone.
Well, I haven't been having them as often, since Blitz came.
Oooooh?
Gah, get out of here. Go play match-maker for your brothers.
12 years...
is a long time to remember.
Mooooooooo
Mooooooo

It's been almost a month since Blitz came here.

Drag
Drag
Buki!

Things are pretty normal again around here.

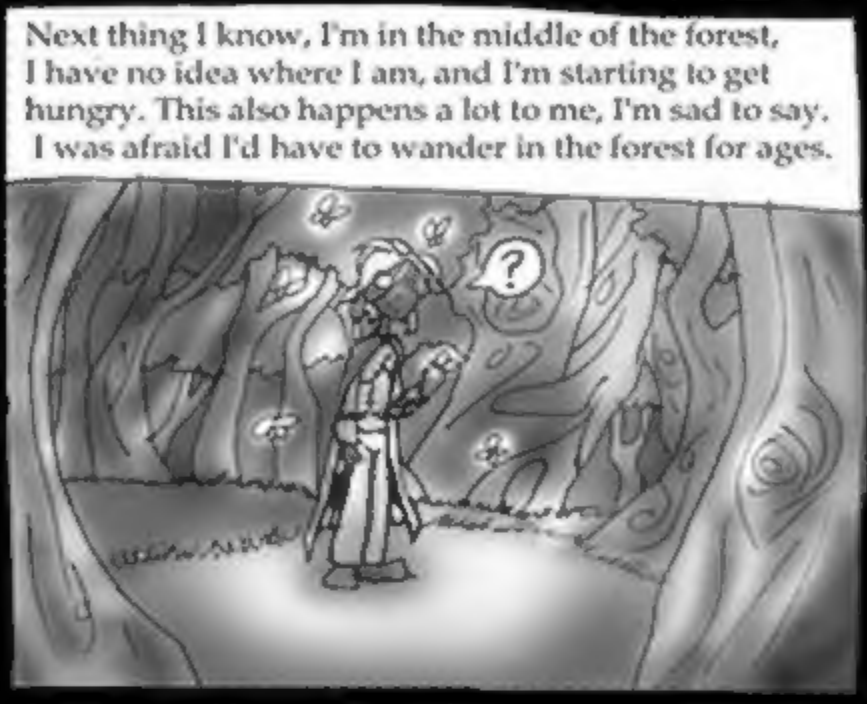
TALKING SKULL
Credenza!

Or at least as normal as we ever get.

Look Credenza! I found something shiny!

I found it and I wanted to show it to you!
Um, Blitz?
Blitz, you might want to...
Sooooo shiny
Blitz!
Thump
Your "shiny," is still attached to someone!
Oh, yeah, him. He was heavy.
Mercy....
Give him back!
Nooooo MY shiny!
ow ow ow ow
Some time later...
I'm SO sorry about this. Blitz can get a little carried away when he finds a new toy.
Oh, it was no trouble at all! In fact, it was almost enjoyable. It's been a while since I've had so much fun. My name is Paollo. I am sorry that I must appear to you like this...

my friends and I had just arrived on the island and I was out stretching my legs when I got... umm.. distracted. It happens a lot to me.
Ooooh! Butterfly!


Next thing I know, I'm in the middle of the forest, I have no idea where I am, and I'm starting to get hungry. This also happens a lot to me, I'm sad to say. I was afraid I'd have to wander in the forest for ages.
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But then I found your friend digging in the dirt.
Hullo!
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Whoa! Shiny! Can I show it to Credenza?
Uh, yes, I suppose so, it's not like I'm usi-

I guess I sort of walked into that one didn't I?

I should be thankful. Without your friend I might never have found my way out.
Munch Munch

Oh, you'd have gotten out eventually, the island's only about three miles long.
Here you've got a leaf in your hair.

What?